

were approved by Council. The Council voted: (1) to request the Executive Committee to evaluate the structural and financial aspects of CMA government relations activities and report back to Council with its recommendations; (2) to request the Executive Committee to study the recommendation that a policy be established that no Commission or Committee may have or maintain a separate checking account and report back with recommended action; (3) to establish policy that the chairman of any Committee or Commission designated by Council to report and be in attendance at Annual Session shall be reimbursed for travel and \$35.00 per diem (so long as this is the sole reason for attendance); (4) to increase the portion of the dues income allotted to *California Medicine* from \$3.00 to \$4.00 per member for the 1969-70 budget; (5) to increase subscription prices for *California Medicine* from \$6.00 to \$8.00 per year for non-members; and (6) to approve an allocation against surplus funds for the fiscal year ending 1968-69 to be made in the amount of \$1,085 to cover the budget for the Committee on Alcoholism.

Intracaths and the Role Of the Registered Nurse

A Joint Statement by the California Medical Association, the California Nurses' Association and the California Hospital Association

SINCE THE USE OF intracaths in starting intravenous infusion has arisen since the issuance of the Joint Statement on the Role of the Registered Nurse in Starting the Administration of Intravenous Fluids, this Joint Statement is presented by the California Medical Association, the California Nurses' Association, and the California Hospital Association.

1. The registered nurse may use intracaths in starting the intravenous administration of fluids only if the registered nurse has had special competent instruction in the use of intracaths.

2. The registered nurse uses intracaths upon the order of a licensed doctor of medicine.

3. The order relates to a specific patient.

4. In an institution or agency where a registered nurse is to use intracaths to start the administration of fluids, there shall be a committee, composed of representatives from the Medical Staff, the Department of Nursing, and Administration, to determine:

- a) what preparation is required of a registered nurse to use intracaths.
- b) what inservice teaching or preparation is required.
- c) which registered nurses in the facility are so prepared.
- d) what types of intracaths may be used.

5. The framework of the committee, the framework of the preparation of the registered nurse, and all the pertinent criteria shall be reproduced in writing and made available to and invited to the attention of the total medical and nursing staff.
June 15, 1968

Proposed CMA Constitutional Amendment

FOR ACTION IN 1969

One Constitutional amendment was introduced in the 1968 House of Delegates and, under the terms of the Constitution, must lie on the table until the next regular meeting of the House of Delegates.

This proposed amendment is shown here for the information of the membership. The language in parenthesis is to be deleted. In addition, the proposed Constitutional amendment is required to be printed in two issues of CALIFORNIA MEDICINE before it comes before the House of Delegates for action.

1 1 1

CHARTERS, ARTICLE I, SECTION 5

Constitutional Amendment 1-68

Committee 4

Introduced by: The Council

Resolved: That Article I, Section 5 of the Constitution of this Association be amended by deleting the language in parentheses, so that the section will now read:

Section 5.—Component Society Charters

Charters to component societies may be granted and revoked as hereinafter prescribed. (, subject to the limitation that only one charter may be outstanding at any one time in any county.)

(Notwithstanding the foregoing,) One charter may be issued to a component society that is not limited as to geographical area or which overlaps the area covered by one or more existing component societies.